

Revelation 17:1-6 The Rise of Babylon

Introduction

7 Clues to the Identity of Babylon in Rev 17—18

1. City and a System

Genesis 10:8-10

Genesis 11:1-9

6 points in favor of a literal, rebuilt city of Babylon

1. Place names in Revelation are literal unless otherwise stated.
2. The city is in the “desert” (Rev 17:3)
3. Babylon is on the Euphrates River (Rev 9:14; 16:12).
4. Zechariah 5:5-11
5. Never destroyed as predicted in the OT (Isa 13:6, 9, 10-13, 19-22)
6. Babylon is the source or mother of all false religion.

2. Unfaithful to God

3. Global influence

4. Intoxicating effect

5. Controls the Antichrist

6. Extravagantly Wealthy

7. Persecutes God’s people

Conclusion